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**STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
Friday-November 18th, 2016**

**Call to Order:**

Dr. Edwards called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** J. Boyd, J. Bullen, K. Cummings, Dr. S. Wise for Dr. R. Dunne, Dr. K.D. Edwards, B. Forbush (via phone), W. Hart, Dr. B. Kincaid, C. Lake, S. Myers, M. Nye, D. Pratt (via phone), G. Scafidi, E. Smith, Dr. R Smith (via phone), T. Sorensen, B. Trevithick, G. Wadaga (via phone), S. Whitehead, K. Wilkinson

**Members Absent:** Sen. Casperson, Rep. Franz, M. Leckelt

**MDHHS Representatives:** K. Wahl, N. Babb, S. Slee, E. Worden, K. Ruest, G. Dolehanty, T. Godde

**Others Present:** Bob Waddell; Kent County EMS (via phone), Pete Rogers, LSTI; Jonathan Hockman, Superior Air-Ground Ambulance; Marvin Helmker, Lansing Community College; Andy Brown, Superior; Eric Snidersich, Saginaw Valley MCA; Brent Siegel, Northville Township Fire Department; Michelle Harper, Tri County MCA; Dr. Michael Fill, Jackson County MCA; Dr. Steve McGraw, Oakland County MCA; Angela Madden, MAAS; Dr. Noel Wagner, Saginaw Valley MCA; Almoharad Eidah, CMU; Kim Piesik, Superior; Dr. Robert Swor, Beaumont Health.

**Special Guests:**

- Kayla North, legislative director for the Honorable Mary Whiteford, attended the meeting. K. Wahl introduced her and described Representative Whiteford's interest in the community paramedic programs.

## **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:**

**AGENDA: Motion to Approve: Lake, Wilkinson. Motion Carries.**

**MINTUES: Motion to Approve Minutes from September 2016 meeting: Lake, Wilkinson. Motion Carries.**

**Old Business:** None

## **New Business:**

- Communication from the Society of Michigan EMS Instructor Coordinators.
  - Dr. Edwards read a communication he received from The Society of Michigan EMS Instructor Coordinators requesting involvement in improving pass rates. J. Boyd checked the sub-committee records and it reflects that three members of the society are on the education committee. The terms expire in 2017 and membership can be reevaluated at that time. K. Wahl stated for the record that the Bureau does work with the society. The subcommittee meetings also are open. K. Wilkinson agreed to relay the meeting dates to Thomas Knapp. Discussion ensued around by-laws and participation in subcommittee meetings.
- Dr. Edwards informed the group that MCEP's director, Diane Bollman, is currently experiencing health issues. He would like to acknowledge the work she does and ask for prayers and support for Ms. Bollman.

## **Emergency Preparedness Update by Dr. Edwards:**

- The guidance for the new Budget Period 1-5 has not been released to the state office.
- There will be a statewide exercise June 10<sup>th</sup> through June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be a state burn surge table top exercise at the end of winter or beginning of spring.
- The state extended the deadline for the COOP tool kit, as well as the immediate bed availability decompression strategy tool kit.
- The CMS emergency preparedness regulations went into effect this month. Compliance with the rule is expected in one year.

## **EMS Systems Report by Kathy Wahl:**

- A Casualty Transportation System (CTS) plan is being developed. The plan is an annex to the MDHHS Emergency Operations Plan for Medical Surge (previously the MEMS Plan), K. Wahl will be contacting members of the group for their input as subject matter experts.
- The Strategic Planning meeting is still scheduled to take place at the January EMSCC meeting to be held at Livingston County EMS.
- The NHTSA assessment is still on for March 27<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Cheryl Moore, former region 8 trauma coordinator, will be the point of contact.

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- There have been some staffing changes in the office. An additional regional EMS coordinator will be hired to do validation surveys and help out where needed. The MCA Coordinator, Julie Chamberlain, is no longer with the office so all protocol related issues should go to Kathy Wahl until that position is filled.
- The next community paramedic work group meeting will be held November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- There was a record attendance for the MCA Conference. At the conference, certificates were handed out to recognize chairs of the subcommittees. K. Wahl presented M. Nye and K. Wilkinson with their certificates.

### **Trauma Systems Report by Eileen Worden:**

- Regions are working on their applications and work plans.
- STAC approved the amendments to the administrative rules.
- Two new objectives will be infrastructure and continuum of care.
- A preliminary report on the Trauma system development projects is being drafted and will be posted to the website.
- A draft education report is being drafted per the administrative rules.
- STAC members were asked to extend their appointments for one year due to upcoming events. All members but one has agreed to stay through 2017.
- There are 41 designated trauma facilities. Three are working on instate reviews for level 3 or level 4. The first level 4 site review was held on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- As of October, there are 155,000 incidents in the trauma registry. 80% of Michigan facilities are reporting data.
- The administrative rules changes have already gone through the Legislative Services Bureau already, and are now with the Office of Regulatory Reinvention.
- The Region 8 Trauma Coordinator position is the process of being filled.
- The Trauma Conference had 259 people in attendance and feedback was positive.
- An article about the effects of the helmet law was discussed.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **A: Quality Assurance by Dr. Edwards:**

- The Michigan EMS Burn transfer sheet was reviewed and supported.
- Work continues on the protocol review, as well as reviewing community paramedic reports.
- The BEES study (epinephrine) from Oakland County MCA was expanded to the MFR level in Washtenaw/Livingston County MCA.
- K. Wahl spoke to the protocol review schedule.
- K. Wahl spoke to the protocols that were released in September. Unfortunately, the ones that were sent out were the wrong versions. They have been reviewed again by the QATF and will be released again soon. The i-gel® airway will be the form of supraglottic airway that MFRs will be allowed to use, and an education piece will be released, as well. This will be allowed to be agency specific.

- An Emergency Naloxone Protocol will be released that addresses an increased amount of naloxone available on scene.

**B: Ambulance Operations by Montgomery Nye:** Nothing to report.

**C: Medical Control by Bruce Trevithick:** Nothing to report.

**D: Education by Kevin Wilkinson:**

- T. Godde will be offering a free CE day to cover the new pediatric requirements.
- There are additional CE opportunities on the EMS website.
- The child restraints distribution plan will be completed soon.
- The webinar given with Judge Davis is in the process of being edited and then it will be posted on the website for CE credit.
- The National Registry exams are changing and new evaluators are being trained. Sites have been added for testing at Lansing Community College, Oakland Community College, North Central Michigan College in Petoskey and Bay College in Escanaba. HVA remains a site and MMR has been removed due to the physical space requirements for the scenario based practical needs.
- In the spring, education program best practice summits will be held around the state. All of the programs and ICs will be invited. The education programs that have pass rates of 70% or less will be strongly encouraged to attend.

**E: Statewide Trauma Advisory by Eileen Worden:** Nothing additional to report.

**F: By-Laws by Jeff Boyd:**

- The legislative subcommittee will have one opening. Please send an email to J. Boyd or N. Babb if interested.
- The rural subcommittee will have two openings that are geographically specific from St. Joseph/Branch/Lenawee/Hillsdale and one from Marquette/Alger/Delta/Dickinson.
- The opening on the STAC will be appointed by the MDHHS director.

**G: Data Task Force:** K. Wahl and J. Boyd are working on finalizing membership.

**H: Legislative by Bruce Trevithick:**

- HB 5960 – EMS Personnel Carrying Weapons – This legislation would expand the exemptions in the current law on carrying weapons in restricted areas (schools, hospital, bars, churches, etc.) to include firefighters and MFRs. There were questions about whether this effects both on-duty and off-duty personnel. If the bill does move forward and is supported by the EMS CC, it was recommended

that the language be cleaned up so that it affects all EMS personnel not just MFRs.

- Extensive discussion ensued about this potential legislation and the possibility of EMS personnel being allowed to carry firearms.
  - **No action was taken.**
- SB 805 & SB 806 – Naloxone for Schools – This bill would expand the optional use of Naloxone to schools. No action was recommended other than to encourage a standard template in all of these bills that addresses immediate notification of 911 and integration with the EMS system. Members also supported maintaining the focus on early action on the part of those on scene, like CPR and ventilations, rather than dealing with administration of this medication.
  - **No action was taken.**
- HB 6049 & HB 6050 – Epinephrine in Schools – This legislation would amend the current law to change the form in which schools would carry Epinephrine from auto-injectors to any form of Epi. No action was recommended at this time.
  - **No action was taken.**

#### **I: Rural by Gary Wadaga:**

- Two members on the rural committee need to be replaced, one representative from St. Joseph/Branch/Lenawee/Hillsdale and one from Marquette/Alger/Delta/Dickinson.
- EMS High School education programs were discussed at the last rural meeting. Challenges include keeping students engaged and hour restrictions. Students can take the state written test, but the license won't be issued until they turn 18. Parents need to sign waivers for participation in clinicals. Many of the high school programs are funded by the IDS. The courses need to include extra instruction in things such as tornado warnings, lock downs and fire extinguisher training. Examples of current or past courses were presented, and Leslie Hall discussed learning. T. Godde offered assistance to anyone interested in obtaining more information or putting together a program.
- The Michigan Center for Rural Health has completed their survey of rural agencies and are in the process of putting the results together to determine how to help with recruitment and retention.
- Funding and loan forgiveness is still being looked at.
- K. Wahl will be doing an EMS Tour in the near future.
- K. Wahl spoke to meeting with MAAS and MDHHS on recruitment and retention and the need to consolidate efforts and look at a broad spectrum of things. MIREMS will also be included in these efforts.

#### **Membership Round Table Report:**

- G. Wadaga asked about the status of the MI-Medic cards. K. Wahl stated they are in print and will go out soon.

**Public Comment:** None

**Next Meeting:** Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Livingston County EMS.  
**Strategic Planning** will be the focus of the meeting.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn: Wilkinson, Myers. Motion carries.

- Meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.